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Petersburgh, February 16. *N. S.*

SOME Days ago Courier a came hither from High Admiral Apraxin with Advice, That Asoph had been surrender'd to the Turks on the Thirteenth of January last; the new Buildings, Suburbs and Fortifications having been all demolish-ed, but the inner Walls were left standing; and seventy Pieces of Cannon, with a House or two, and a small Suburb of the Cossacks, which the Turks thought might be for their Convenience, were bought by them for Ninety one Purses, or Forty five thousand five hundred Dollars. Hassan Bassa sent away the Keys, by an Express, to the Port; but having only one hundred and twenty Men in his Retinue, desired a Battalion of Muscovites might be left under his Command, to secure him against the Cossacks and Tartars: The rest march'd out with the usual Marks of Honour, under the Admirrl, who was going to oversee the demolishing of Tangarogg, and hop'd to have fully settled every thing on those Fronties by the end of this Month. All things having proceeded thus far with mutual Civility and good Understanding, the Muscovite Ministers begin to think they have no manner of Reason for further Apprehensions from the Turks. The chief Command of all the Muscovite Forces in Pomerania next Campaign, has been conferr'd on Prince Menchicoff: Part of his Equipage set forward two Days ago, and three Weeks hence the Prince designs to follow. Besides the Troops already employ'd in that Country, and the Guards now Quarter'd about Dantzick, Prince Repenin is order'd to reinforce them with twelve or fourteen thousand Men, being most of them Foot, who are now on their March from Smolensko. The Czar will certainly take another Progress next Summer towards the Frontiers of Germany; but except any great Alteration of Affairs should happen, he will not set out from hence before the middle of May. Monsieur Valck the Danish Secretary, arriv'd here this Morning, having been sent back from the Camp before Stralsund, to take care of the King's Affairs, 'till another Envoy is appointed in the room of Monsieur Juel. The Deputies of the Nobility in Livonia and Esthonia, and others from the Towns of Riga and Revell, are come hither, by Orders from his Czarish Majesty, to give an Account of the State of their Country; and several Muscovite Merchants have been Summon'd from Mosco and Archangel, to deliver in their Opinions concerning Trade. The Suedish Generals and Officers who have been so long Prisoners in Mosco, were about a Fortnight ago remov'd from their Quarters on a sudden in the Night, and dispers'd in the Convents and Towns, at several Miles distance. This Proceeding is said to have been occasion'd by a Suspicion they might carry on a dangerous Correspondence, and perhaps take Measures for their Escape.

Venice, March 11. *N. S.* They write from Rome, that the Marquis de Prie being arriv'd there with the Character of Ambassador from the Emperor and King of Spain, had on the First Instant a private Audience of the Pope, with whom he continued six Hours, and did not depart 'till two Hours after Midnight. The Court of Rome has form'd a Ceremonial for the Reception of the Electoral Prince of Saxony, and sent it hither, but the time of his setting out for that Place is not as yet resolv'd on. A Man of War call'd the Holy League, is Launch'd out of the Arsenal of this Republick, in order to proceed with Ammunition and Provisions for the Levant. A Venetian Vessel has brought Advice, that the Admiral Correro is passed by the Mouth of the Adriatick Gulph, and is Sailing directly for the Archipelago, with four Venetian Men of War, and nineteen Merchantmen under his Convoy.

Utrecht, March 29. *N. S.* On Friday the Twenty fifth Instant, his Grace the Duke of Argyle arrived here, and having been to visit my Lord Privy Seal, went the next Day to the Hague to meet the Earl of Strafford there, and set out yesterday-Morning for Helvoetsluys, in order to proceed, by the first opportunity that shall offer, to England. The Earl of Strafford return'd hither Yesterday from the Hague, as did likewise this Day the Imperial, Portugueze, and other Ministers who went thither, during the interval of Business here, in order to assist at the General Conference to be held to Morrow. A Courier arrived here Yesterday from France, with Letters for the French Plenipotentiaries, and those Ministers do not yet give us any ground to Credit the Reports, that they will require a longer Term to explain themselves upon the Demands of the Allies.

Hague, March 29. *N. S.* The several Plenipotentiaries of the Allies, who have been here for some time, are return'd for Utrecht, to assist at the General Conference, which is to be held there to Morrow. My Lord Strafford went from hence Yesterday Morning, and the Duke of Argyle, who came hither on Saturday, and Din'd with my Lord Strafford on Sunday, went Yesterday Morning for Rotterdam, to embark for England. The Baron Heems had Yesterday a particular Conference with the Deputies of the States-General, touching the Measures to be taken for the Subsistance of the Imperial Troops which are to serve this Campaign in Flanders. This Morning the States were in Conference with several Foreign Ministers, and particularly with the Envoy of his Danish Majesty. We have Letters from Vienna which say, that the Turks were resolv'd to confirm the Treaty of Peace with the Muscovites, and that there remain'd no Appearance of a future Rupture.

Utrecht, March 30. *N. S.* This Morning a General Conference was held at the Town-house; where was a full Assembly of all the Plenipotentiaries, as well of the Allies, as of France. The latter open'd the Conference, by declaring, That the Parties engag'd in this War had already explain'd themselves, on both sides, in Writing; they thought it was now time to proceed in the Negociations according to the usual Method of former Treaties, and that they were ready to treat on that footing: Upon which the Ministers of the Allies retir'd into their own Apartment; and after a short time return'd to the French, and told them, they expected to have receiv'd an Answer to their

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